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COMMENT SOUGHT ON WINDSTREAM PETITION FOR CONVERSION TO PRICE CAP REGULATION AND FOR OTHER LIMITED WAIVER RELIEF

WC Docket No. 07-171

COMMENTS DUE: September 24, 2007

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: October 9, 2007

On August 6, 2007, Windstream filed a petition to convert its rate-of-return (ROR) cost study areas to price cap regulation no later than July 1, 2008, and, to the extent necessary, requested limited waivers of the applicable pricing and universal service high-cost support mechanisms to enable Windstream's successful conversion.¹ Specifically, Windstream proposes that the price cap regulatory structure that would apply to its converted study areas would be based on the structural rules established in the *CALLS Order*, but Windstream would not join the pricing and universal service support regime applied to price cap carriers in the *CALLS Order*. According to Windstream, its proposal involves the following elements: (1) for converted study areas with average traffic sensitive (ATS) switched access rates that are currently higher than \$0.0095 per minute, the rates would be lowered to \$0.0095; (2) for converted study areas with ATS switched access rates that are currently below \$0.0095, the existing rates would remain in effect; (3) for special access services, rates in the converted study areas would be based on current ROR levels; and (4) for universal service support, Windstream would continue to receive interstate common line support (ICLS) for the converted study areas, but the level of support will be calculated like interstate access support (IAS) and set at a per line amount.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **September 24, 2007**, and reply comments on or before **October 9, 2007**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.²

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the websites for submitting comments. For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal

¹ Windstream Petition for Conversion to Price Cap Regulation and for Limited Waiver Relief, WC Docket No. 07-171 (filed Aug. 6, 2007).

² See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Pamela Arluk, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A131, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to Pamela.Arluk@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in WC Docket No. 07-171 are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com. These documents may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs>.

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